

## **HOT TOPIC – Week of March 9, 2015**

### **Letter sent to Sunnyside Gold Corporation (SGC) requesting a meeting between SGC & EPA, the State and BLM and other activities**

A letter to Sunnyside Gold Corporation (SGC) was sent on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 on behalf of the three agencies – EPA, BLM & the State in response to SGC's letter of February 16, 2015. The Agencies expressed encouragement with SGC's continued commitment to work on improving the water quality in the Animas River. The Agencies also requested a meeting with SGC as soon as possible to: 1) discuss work plan development in accordance with agency requirements; 2) discuss coordinating SGC's work plans with the Agencies work plans for remedial investigation work in other portions of the basin; and 3) begin discussions on an agreement for the development and implementation of SGC's work plans.

The Upper Animas Team expects to meet with Sunnyside sometime before April 10, 2015.

Next Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, EPA ARAs for EPR & ECEJ and the BLM State Director will have a conference call to discuss the Agencies strategy for the upcoming meeting with SGC. EPA Staff have prepared discussion topics with input from the State and from BLM for the EPA-BLM call and SGC meeting. The ARA for EPR will also contact the CDPHE management to inform the State of the strategy and proposed meeting with SGC.

EPA staff will be meeting with the City of Silverton Mayor and Board of Trustees on soils sampling in Silverton on Monday evening, March 23, 2015.

For informational purposes. No action by the RA is necessary.

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